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Our role in protecting the public and the environment are often undervalued and invisible to the very public that we protect. Whether in design, academia, equipment manufacture and supply, management, or operations, we all know individuals who have successfully addressed unique and challenging issues. Our awards program offers the opportunity to receive recognition for these deserving professionals.

Each year, one of CSWEA's top priorities is to recognize the efforts of our members and water and wastewater professionals at all levels. We also seek to provide top-quality nominees to the Water Environment Federation (WEF) each year for national level recognition. Don't miss this opportunity to provide recognition to deserving water quality professionals.

It's time to brag a little about the accomplishments of our members. To nominate someone is straightforward: fill out the nomination form at *https://bit.ly/4BKf9f9* with as much information as possible and submit it to CSWEA.

In order for you or a deserving colleague to be recognized, please submit a nomination to the Central States Water Environment Association and/or WEF for one of the many awards available.

Below is a listing of the award opportunities. Please carefully review the various awards available and nominate one of our many deserving members. Please note that award submittals need to be made by November 30, 2026 for awards presented by CSWEA to allow distribution to the respective CSWEA or WEF Awards Committees for consideration. CSWEA will present the winners with their awards at the 100th Annual Meeting Awards Banquet.

2027 CSWEA & WEF Award nominations now being accepted

Nominations are now being accepted for the following CSWEA and WEF awards and should you be aware of a worthy nominee we ask that you please nominate them. Note that it is OK to self-nominate. Each award is briefly described below and complete information may be found on *www.cswea.org*.

WEF AWARDS presented at CSWEA Awards Banquet

Arthur Sidney Bedell Award:

The Bedell is a federation award that is given annually to one recipient in recognition of outstanding achievement in the sewerage and wastewater treatment works field, as related particularly to the problems and activities of the member association. The Bedell Award Subcommittee selects the nominations, and the award is presented at the CSWEA Annual Meeting.

William D. Hatfield Award:

The Hatfield Award is a federation award given annually to one recipient in recognition of outstanding operation of a wastewater treatment plant. Each State Section may nominate one person per year and submit it to the Hatfield subcommittee. This award is presented at the CSWEA Annual Meeting.

George W. Burke Safety Award:

The Burke Award is made annually by WEF to a municipal or industrial wastewater facility for promoting an active and effective safety program. Each State Section Committee can nominate a facility and the nominations are then sent to the general awards committee. The winner will be presented with the Burke Safety Award at the CSWEA Annual Meeting.

Lab Analyst Excellence Award:

This is a WEF award that is given annually to one recipient in recognition of outstanding achievement in the area of water quality analysis. Each State Section Laboratory Committee may nominate one person. This award is presented at the CSWEA Annual Meeting.

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Radebaugh Award:

The Radebaugh Award is given to the author of a deserving paper presented at the previous year's annual meeting. The Radebaugh Award Subcommittee selects the winner and the award is presented at the CSWEA Annual Meeting.

Operations Award:

The Operations Award is a Central States award that is given annually to one recipient in each state. The purpose of this award is to recognize operators of wastewater treatment facilities who are performing their duties in an outstanding manner and are demonstrating distinguished professionalism. The States Sections' Operations Committee makes the selection and each State Section winner will receive the award at the CSWEA Annual Meeting.

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Industrial Water Quality Achievement Award:
The award is given at the CSWEA Annual Meeting to one industry per year in recognition of outstanding contributions in waste minimization, pollution prevention, environmental compliance, and environmental stewardship. Each State Section Industrial Committee may nominate one facility per year.

Bill Boyle Educator of the Year Award:
This award is given to one teacher per year in recognition of outstanding education assistance to students of any level in the study of the water environment. The award is presented at the CSWEA Annual Meeting.

Collection System Award:
This award is given annually to one member from each section in recognition of outstanding contributions in advancing collection system knowledge and direct or indirect improvement in water quality. Each State Section Collection System Committee can nominate one individual per year with the selected candidate receiving the award at the CSWEA Annual Meeting. The recipient of the Association Award shall be nominated annually for the WEF Collection System Award.

Ryan Giefer Outstanding Young Professional Award:
This award is given annually to one member from each state section in recognition of the contributions of young water environment professionals to CSWEA and to the wastewater collection and treatment industry. This award is presented at the CSWEA Annual Meeting.

Academic Excellence Award:
The Academic Excellence Award is given to one student per year from each eligible institution in the state section hosting the Annual Conference. (Wisconsin is hosting the next conference.) An eligible institution shall be a college or university having a recognized graduate or under-graduate program in engineering or biological sciences at an eligible institution. The candidate shall be selected by the department chair or other designated person at the eligible institution. Selected candidates are able to attend the CSWEA Annual Meeting with expenses paid, to receive their award and scholarship.

Central State Section Safety Award:
The CSWEA Facility Safety Award is made annually by CSWEA to a municipal or industrial wastewater facility within each State Section in recognition of active and effective safety programs from Burke Award submissions and the awards are presented at the CSWEA Annual Meeting.

Water Stewardship Award: This award recognizes and honors the contributions of an individual for outstanding humanitarian service to improving and sustaining our global water environment.

Sustainability & Green Infrastructure Award:
Established in 2017, this award recognizes and honors the contributions of an individual or organization for projects at their organization that support sustainability in the water environment or make use of green infrastructure in the design of water reclamation facilities, or stormwater/wastewater conveyance or treatment processes.

Water Technology Innovator Award:
Established in 2019, this award recognizes individuals or groups that look beyond the traditional water and wastewater operational models and incorporate or advance sustainable principles and cutting-edge practices, with a focus on resource recovery, efficiency, and sustainability.

WEF AWARDS presented at WEFTEC

Charles Alvin Emerson Medal:
This award is presented by WEF to an individual whose contributions to the wastewater collection and treatment industry most deserve recognition. Areas of involvement include membership growth, water resource protection, improved techniques of wastewater treatment and fundamental research.

Harry E. Schlenz Medal:
This award is presented by WEF and recognizes the achievements of an individual outside of the water environment profession, who takes up the banner of environmental public education. This person is typically in the journalism, film or video production field.

Richard S. Englebrecht International Activities Service Award:
This award is presented by WEF and recognizes sustained and significant contributions to the furtherance and improvement of the activities of the Water Environment Federation in the international field.

Submit your nomination at
https://members.cswea.org/members/form.php?orgcode=CNTW&fid=9409079